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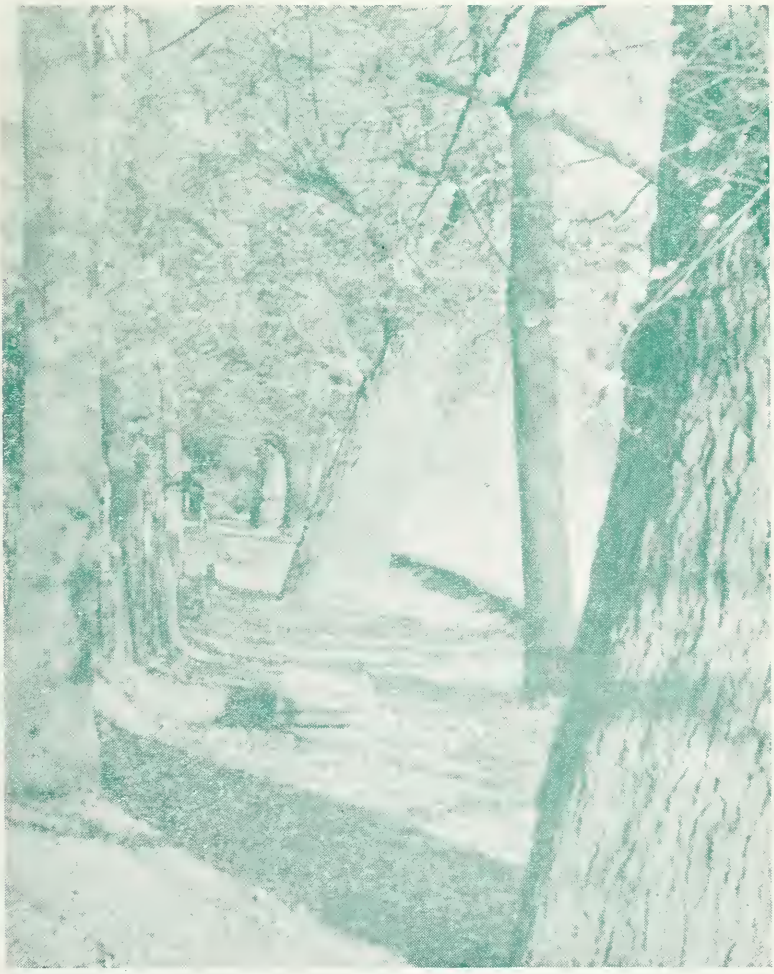

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AUXILIARY ISSUE

POETRY

DON'T FIND FAULT.

Pray don't find fault with the man who limps,
Or stumbles along the road,
Unless you have worn the shoes he wears,
Or struggled beneath his load.
There may be tacks in his shoes that hurt,
Though hidden away from view,
Or the burdens he bears placed on your back,
Might cause you to stumble too.

Don't snear at the man who is down today,
Unless you have felt the blow
That caused his fall, or felt the shame
That only the fallen know.
You may be strong, but still the blows
That were his, if dealt to you
In the self-same way at the self-same time,
Might cause you to stagger too.

Don't be too harsh with the man who sins,
Or pelt him with words or stones;
Unless you are sure, yes doubly sure
That you have no sins of your own.
For who knows, perhaps, if the tempter's voice
Should whisper softly to you,
As it did to him when he went astray,
Might cause you to falter too.

—Anonymous.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

Hypocrites do the Devil's drudgery in Christ's livery

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Whatever principles of intelligence we attain unto in this life, it will rise with us in the resurrection;

And if a person gains more knowledge and intelligence in this life through his diligence and obedience than another, he will have so much the advantage in the world to come.

—Doctrine and Covenants 130: 18, 19.

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WE SHOULD TAKE CARE OF THE BEGINNING OF SIN. NOBODY IS EXCEEDINGLY WICKED ALL AT ONCE: THE DEVIL IS TOO CUNNING TO STARTLE MEN WITH TEMPTATION TO GREAT AND FRIGHTFUL CRIMES AT FIRST; BUT IF HE CAN TEMPT THEM TO LEAVE OFF THEIR PRAYERS, TO TAKE GOD'S NAME IN VAIN, TO SWEAR, TO DRINK, TO HEAR FILTHY DISCOURSES AND TO SPEAK OF THE VICES OF OTHERS WITH PLEASURE, HE WILL SOON TEMPT THEM TO CRIMES OF A DAMNING NATURE.

—Bishop Wilson.

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THIS WEEK'S COVER

Cold Winter comes again and bare trees allow the bright sunlight free play and access to the hard earth. Even though the colours of flowers and foliage are now absent, there is still beauty all around and these are days when man can briskly walk and force good clean air into his lungs and feel the glow of strength in his coursing veins. All the works of nature are designed for the good of man and it is a duty indeed to learn to appreciate them.

The Testimony Of Our Conscience

By Elder Charles A. Callis
Of the Council of the Twelve

Charles A. Callis

Cromwell:

How does your Grace?

Wolsey:

Never so truly happy, my good Cromwell.
I know myself now; and I feel within me
A peace above all earthly dignities,
A still and quiet conscience.
—Shakespeare.

THE delight that issues from sin is short-lived. It is like the snowflake in the river, soon gone and forever.

Then remorse clutches the heart-strings of the sinner. He is unhappy, for wickedness never was and never will be happiness. The remembrance of his offence disturbs and torments him: the haunting and the lashing of conscience brings him face to face with the misery of which sin is the parent.

We cannot escape from ourselves: we cannot hide from conscience. It's voice refuses to be smothered forever. What heavenly comfort we have when conscience testifies: "Thou art with God."

Daniel Webster said: "There is no evil that we cannot either face or fly from, but the consciousness of duty disregarded." Only souls purged of those things which separate them from the love of God know what real happiness is.

The following editorial illustrating this condition appeared a few years ago in the Atlanta (Ga.) Journal:

"THE STILL SMALL VOICE COMMANDS"

"Whatever the new psychology may have to say about that 'deity within our bosoms,' as Shakespeare calls conscience, there is a certain baker in an Ohio town who is testifying on the subject most cogently. A kind, industrious, upright man he appeared to be, of whom his patrons and neighbours thought well. Imagine their amazement when he made a public and quite voluntary confession to having set fire to his bakery some years ago that he might procure his insurance cash.

"Not once, it seems, had he been suspected. With the money which was readily paid over, he had discharged some troublous debts and also re-established himself in business. No other mortal knew that the fire was not accidental; and for long his own heart gave him no disquietude. He prospered, he was respected, he lay down to sleep unafraid. Then broke the light of a terrible awakening, and a contrition that shook him as

in a mighty wind. No outward incident, so far as the news story reveals, served to arouse and goad him. The drama was wholly within. 'It was last Easter,' he said, 'that the awfulness of the thing possessed me.' And until he made a clean breast of it, laying himself liable to the grim penalty for arson, he could not sleep, could not eat, could find no moment's cool forgetfulness. 'Foul deeds will rise, though all the earth o'erwhelms them to men's eyes.'

True it is that "the wages of sin is death," but there are many who have slacked the pace of death by godly, sorrowful repentance. There is forgivenss with the Lord.

"For men may rise by stepping stones on their dead selves to higher things." One of these stepping stones is that kind of repentance which produces such a change of heart that will cause a man to resolve to fight the good fight by pushing his whole being determinedly and zealously in a new and right course of life. "By this ye may know if a man repenteth of his sins, behold he will confess and forsake them."—Doctrine and Covenants 58: 42.

Through obedience to the Gospel a man will be given a new heart: he will be turned into another man. God gave Saul another heart. I Samuel 10: 6, 9. "Repentance bringeth a change of heart."—Helaman 15: 7.

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XMAS, 1942

THERE are in our midst a large number of our Brethren (and some Sisters)—American, Canadian and others—in the armed forces.

CAN YOU TAKE OVER ONE OR TWO OF THEM TO SPEND CHRISTMAS DAY WITH YOU ?

Send your name and address to the Mission Office, Nightingale Lane, London, S.W.12, as soon as possible. It will be inserted in the "Star" for December 3rd. (Mark your letter or card "Xmas Invitation.")

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To "Star" Subscribers

WE have received several letters regarding non-receipt of the "Millennial Star" of October 29th, No. 44.

We tender our sincere apology for any inconvenience caused and wish to assure our subscribers that every care is being taken to ensure regular delivery. All complaints have been put right.

If there are any others who have missed this or any other recent issue of the "Star," please be good enough to send us a postcard for our immediate attention.

—Elder Ralph S. Mount,
Circulation Manager.

Music For Sacrament Service

THOUGHTS AND SUGGESTIONS.

By Alfred M. Durham

THE question concerning proper music during the administration of the Sacrament in our Church is one which should receive more careful consideration than is sometimes given.

During this sacred period, all that is done should tend to make one conscious of the purpose for which the Sacrament was instituted, namely, the Sacrifice and Atonement of the Saviour of the world, and His injunction to worthily partake of these sacred emblems in remembrance of Him.

As far as possible, everything connected with the service should be impersonal. For example, if the choir sings a number, it should be done without "show," either by the chorister or choir members; and preferably the members should remain seated during the rendition. Solos, either vocal or instrumental, should in most cases be avoided, for the simple reason that the attention of the congregation is more often focused upon the performer than upon the message he may try to give through music.

Organ music, if properly played and wisely selected, seems to be best suited for use during the passing of the Sacrament.

Many organists do not properly sense the need of making suitable selections for this purpose. If music is used which has a title, or is accompanied with words, in either case the selection should be in harmony with the service. It should then be played with a quiet effectiveness which will inspire the listener to centre his thoughts on the purpose of the Sacrament.

Many beautiful compositions are written, of a thought provoking, contemplative mood, which are wholly unsuited in this connection, because they are associated with secular ideas, and lead away, rather than to the objective.

The names of some of these frequently used are as follows: Liszt's "Dream of Love"; "Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes"; "My Heart at Thy Sweet Voice," from "Samson and Delilah"; Nevins' "Rosary"; "The Swan"; "Prayer," from "Hansel and Gretel"; "Juanita"; "The Lost Chord"; Brahm's "Lullaby"; "Sweet and Low" and others of this type. Good music? Yes, but not for a Sacrament service; because the text and thought lead far, far away from the desired trend during the passing of the bread and water.

Many beautiful hymns may be used to good effect by proper registration and arrangement.

The "Schreiner" Organ Book is in every Branch of the Church, and from that source a few numbers are here suggested as examples of suitable Sacrament Music: "Supplication," Schreiner; "When Thou Art Near," Bach; "Prayer," Kreutzer; "Oh Rest in the Lord," Mendelssohn; "Our Redeemer and Our Lord," Schreiner; "Prayer," Beethoven; "Oh Sacred Head Once Wounded," Bach-Schreiner. The above mentioned hymns and selections will enrich the period while the Sacrament is being administered.

The Fulness Of Times

(Continued from Vol. 104, No. 43: Thursday October 22, 1942.)

THE GLAD TIDINGS.

EPISODE 10. SCENE I.

NARRATIVE

Returning from Harmony at Oliver's summons, Joseph called on Mr. Grandon at his newspaper office in Palmyra.

Joseph Smith: Now, Mr. Grandon, just what caused you to stop the printing of the book?

Mr. Grandon: Well ! to be frank with you, Mr. Smith, I must be sure of my money.

Joseph Smith: But what caused you to doubt. We are men of honour. You were satisfied with our agreement when you undertook the work. Now when the task is all but completed . . .

Mr. Grandon: But there have been rumours.

Joseph Smith: Of what nature, sir? Surely you have more faith in God's work than to listen to evil whisperings.

Mr. Grandon: It's not that, but damaging threats have been made. Recently a delegation of townspeople called on me and assured me that if I persisted in publishing the Book of Mormon I would suffer a loss, because they, and many others, vowed never to buy it.

Joseph Smith: Mr. Grandon, as sure as I'm standing here, I am as sure you will not lose by printing that book. Mr. Martin Harris will be here at any moment.

Mr. Grandon: Mr. Harris is a good man, I do not doubt his word; but I must have something more substantial.

Joseph Smith: I assure you that your fears are groundless.

Mr. Grandon: I would like to think so, Mr. Smith, but under the circumstances I think . . .

Martin Harris arrives.

Martin Harris: Mr. Grandon.

Mr. Grandon: Oh, how do you do, Mr. Harris?

Martin Harris: I'm glad you came up, Joseph; it's all settled. I put my land up for sale and already I have offers. The money goes immediately to you, Mr. Grandon. I agreed to back the printing of that book, and I will.

Joseph Smith: Will that be assurance enough?

Mr. Grandon: In that case, gentlemen, I shall go ahead with the printing.

Joseph Smith: When, Mr. Grandon?

Mr. Grandon: Why, at once, of course. Mr. Gilbert, you may begin work on the Book of Mormon. You may start the press.

SCENE II.

NARRATIVE

This action on the part of Martin Harris inspired confidence, also the brave determination of the young prophet and his assistants attracted the

youth of the surrounding community. A spirit of happy expectancy spread through the countryside, and homes were thrown open as meeting places for Joseph Smith and his helpers. At the home of David Whitmer in Fayette, two of these helpers met with Joseph Smith for an important Conference.

Joseph Smith: Mr. Whitmer, and Mr. Cowdery, it will soon be the 6th of April, the day appointed on which we are to organise the Church. The necessary authority has been conferred upon us, and there have been enough of the brethren baptised to make this possible.

Oliver Cowdery: I agree with you, Joseph, but first we must find a suitable place for the meetings.

David Whitmer: Gentlemen, you are welcome to use the parlour of this house for the meeting. I shall deem it an honour to have the Church organised right here.

Joseph Smith: Thank you, Mr. Whitmer. Then we will notify all who have been baptised and all others interested to assemble here, April 6th, which is Tuesday, to organise the Church. Is that agreed?

Oliver Cowdery: Agreed.

David Whitmer: Agreed.

Joseph Smith: I have here before me, written out, the contents of the revelation to organise the Church, as given to us in June of last year. Now, if the Brethren are willing to organise the Church, and to accept Oliver and myself as teachers of the things of the Kingdom of God, then I am to ordain Oliver as an Elder of the Church, and in turn Oliver is to ordain me. We are then to take bread, bless it and break it, with the Brethren, also taking wine, bless it and drink it with them, and perform other offices as mentioned in this revelation. But one thing of grave importance is left for the two of you to contemplate.

Oliver Cowdery: And that, Joseph?

David Whitmer: To what do you refer, Joseph?

Joseph Smith: Listen while I read from the revelation.

"Behold the world is ripening in iniquity, and it must needs be that the children of men are stirred up unto repentance. And now behold, there are others who are called to declare my Gospel. Yea, even twelve, and the twelve shall be my Gospel. Yea, even twelve, and the twelve shall be my disciples, and they shall take upon them my name, will full purpose of heart, and now behold I give unto you, Oliver Cowdery, and also unto David Whitmer, that you shall search out the twelve, and when you have found them you shall show these things unto them, and by your hands I will work a marvellous work among the children of men."

That, Mr. Cowdery, and Mr. Whitmer, is something for you to consider, as soon as we have established our Church.

Oliver Cowdery: It's a great work, Joseph, and to think that we shall have a part in bringing about the new dispensation.

Joseph Smith: Very well, then, we shall meet here on April 6th.

(To be continued)

? Genyquiz ?

QUESTION by "Learner":

Would you please tell me the correct way to address the various clergy?

ANSWERED by "Genyquiz":

Archbishops—Are addressed, His Grace the Lord Archbishop of ———.

Letters begin, My Lord Archbishop; and he is personally referred to as, Your Grace.

Bishops—Are addressed, The Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of ———.

Letters begin, My Lord Bishop; and he is personally referred to as, Your Lordship.

(Wives of Archbishops and Bishops have no title in right of their husbands' official rank.

Deans—Are addressed, The Very Reverend the Dean of ——.

Letters begin.—Very Reverend Sir, or Mr. Dean.

Archdeacons—Are addresed, The Venerable the Archdeacon ———.

Letters begin, Reverend Sir, or Mr. Archdeacon.

Clergymen—The general address to Clergymen is, The Reverend Mr. ———.

Letters begin, Sir, or Reverend Sir.

Master of the Rolls—The Right Honourable the Master of the Rolls.

QUESTION by "Anxious to get on":

Would you please tell me where to turn for further help now that I have finished with Somerset House and the Record Office?

ANSWERED by "Genyquiz":

If your ancestors come from any of the following counties, Cambridge, Cornwall, Derbyshire, Devon, Durham, Essex, Lancashire, Middlesex, Norfolk, Northumberland, Somerset, Suffolk, and Yorkshire, you would be wise to consult Boyds Marriage Registers.

These registers are at the Society of Genealogists, Chaucer House, Malet Place, London. There are 458 volumes, containing in all 6,149,700 names, and are of great help to many. Suppose you had an ancestor by the name of John Fisher, who lived in Essex in 1801, and you cannot find any trace of his marriage. By searching in Boyds Marriage Registers for Essex, a matter of about 20 volumes out of the above mentioned 458 volumes, you stand a very good chance of finding the marriage entry you are seeking; also you can copy out all Fisher marriages entries which Mr. Percival Boyd has indexed from 1837 to 1500.

The Genealogical Board of the British Mission will undertake this search for you and send you a copy of the names indexed at a charge of 10s., which is the fee charged for a whole day search at the Society of Genealogists, Chaucer House, Malet Place, London.

Should your ancestors came from Scotland, it is possible to obtain advice and help through Sister C. L. M. Horner, Member of the Genealogical Board of the British Mission.

The Latter-Day Saints' "Millennial Star"

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EDITORIAL

"While Of These Emblems We Partake"

THE other Sunday I attended a Sacrament Service at one of our Branches. As I entered the chapel, the organist was playing a selection from the Organ Voluntaries. The congregation of about thirty-five people was listening to the beautiful sacred music. It was five minutes to the hour at which the service was due to begin. The Branch President and Counsellors were on the stand. Everything seemed prepared: two brethren were at the Sacrament Table, two otners assisting; hymns were enumerated on the board; there was hardly a whisper anywhere. A curly-head youth—a deacon—of neat appearance, was by the door, giving out hymn books as several more people came in. Most of the brethren wore black or dark suits and white shirts, and looked well. There was a number of ladies in the seats, most of whom had removed their hats in conformity with the counsel of the President of the Church. Some friends, one or two lovely little children, and a few Canadian and American soldiers—members of the Church—comprised the congregation.

On the stroke of the hour the Branch President rose to welcome the congregation and the visitors. The tone of his voice was pleasant, he was sincere in his expressions and sure of his duties. We rose to sing the opening hymn. It was one of the beloved hymns of the Latter-day Saints. The chapel was filled with beautiful singing; everyone sang with spirit and feeling. It was a hymn that touched our hearts—a joyful, unified song of praise and thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father.

As we sat down the organ continued to play for a moment the closing bars of the hymn until an Elder stood on the rostrum to offer the invocation. His prayer was humble and sincere: earnest and yet simple. He prayed for us all, and the "Amen" rose from the lips of everyone. As he left the stand the organist began to play the opening bars of the Sacrament hymn. The sequence was very pleasing. Not a moment of delay between each succeeding item in the service. We sang the hymn reverently and thoughtfully, approaching the moment when we would partake of the Sacred Emblems. On the last verse of the hymn two brethren arose at the Sacrament Table. Removing a snow-white tablecloth, they dipped their fingers in a bowl and helping each other with a napkin, proceeded to break the bread. The organist continued playing for a moment or so as one of the brethren adjusted quietly the footstool and knelt. As the organ stopped, he raised his voice and in clear, resonant and measured tones pronounced the prayer on the Bread. ". . . to bless and sanctify this bread to the souls of all those who partake of it, that they may eat in

remembrance of the body of Thy Son . . . " As we all joined in the final "Amen," two other brethren took the vessels containing the Broken Bread and passed it to the Priesthood on the stand and to the organist, and then to the congregation. In the midst of reverent atmosphere augmented with soft strains of sacred music, each one, partaking of a morsel of sanctified bread, bowed the head in silent prayer. Silently I prayed, too: "O Father in Heaven, bless this sacrament to my soul; forgive me my shortcomings; I have no ill-will against anyone; I feel to thank Thee for all Thy goodness to me; bless me with Thy Spirit and give me words to say, Thy words, when I am called upon to speak; I feel happy in this hour of worship and Sacrament, and humbly pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen." The sacred music continued. I thought of the Sacrament gem. ". . . let us remember and be sure our hearts and hands are clean and pure." I felt I did not take the Sacrament unworthily. Again I asked myself if there was anyone who might have ought against me. There might be one or two. How could I reach them, make them feel that I am their brother, trying to serve them in the spirit of humility and love. The organ stopped, and another brother pronounced the blessing on the Water. Again we partook of the Sacred Cup "in remembrance of the blood, which was shed for them"—for us —and bowed our heads. The soft lights in the chapel, the sacred strains of music, the reverent attitude, impressed me as being a sacred and holy communion between Heaven and earth, between Our Father and His children—children of the Covenant, faithful, repentant, humble and contrite of heart—saints of the Most High.

Those who were called upon to speak, spoke with power and conviction, moved upon by the Holy Spirit. The authority and truth of their words was inspiring. I watched the expressions upon the faces of the congregation, and with them I shared the true emotion of the heart, the spirit of conviction, the innermost assurance that here was the pure Gospel of Jesus Christ restored in all its pristine beauty and fulness. This hour of worship passed on and finished all too quickly.

Afterwards around the table I saw a group of Saints waiting to pay their tithes and offerings. The Branch President was busy with his pencil and book. There was evidence that these faithful Saints remembered the Lord. Their worship was true, sincere and in harmony with the witness they bore before the Lord that "they were willing to take upon them the name of His Son and always remember Him and keep His commandments which He has given them."

I thought, how could it be otherwise; how could Latter-day Saints, after having partaken of the Sacrament and borne a solemn witness, depart from the service taking the Lord's tenth back home, forgetting the Fast Day, their testimonies, failing to remember the poor and the needy with their fast offerings.

For The Young Folk

THE SUNBEAMS.

"Wake up!" cried a sunbeam. I opened my eyes,
And there all around to my greatest surprise
Were bright little sunbeams so merry and gay—
They were chasing the night with its darkness away.

"Wake up!" cried the sunbeams, "and come out to view
The beautiful world; God made it for you.
The trees and the flowers, the brook and the glen
God made all these things for the children of men.

Annie Malin.

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Those who bring sunshine into the lives of others, cannot keep it from themselves. —Sir J. M. Barrie.

Keep your face always towards the sunshine, and the shadows will fall behind you. —M. B. Whitman.

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REFLECTED GLORY.

MOSES was very hurt indeed when he discovered the golden calf which the Children of Israel had made. He had only just returned from a long visit with the Lord, receiving counsel and advice and making covenants with Him for the people of Israel. Under these circumstances the Prophet felt it necessary to go to the Lord and confess this sin, on behalf of the people of Israel. The Lord who, of course, had known about the golden calf all the time, said that he would punish the people concerned in His own due time. Moses was instructed to proceed on the journey to the Promised Land.

If you remember, Moses dropped and broke the two tablets of stone, upon which the Lord had written the laws and commandments. Because of this, Moses was asked to cut two similar tablets of stone. This he did, and early next morning took them to Sinai. On this occasion 40 days and 40 nights were spent fasting in the presence of the Lord. More instructions were received, and this time Moses wrote them, in the form of the Ten Commandments, upon the two tablets.

So wonderfully inspired and uplifted in spirit was the great leader in this interview, that his face shone brilliantly. Indeed, his very countenance seemed to reflect the glory of the Lord.

—E. M. T.

Missionary Page

AGAIN it is most gratifying to publish "glad tidings" received from two of our Lady Missionaries:

"Our activities during the past week have been successful. Due to the assistance and work of President Walker, we have been able to hold a cottage meeting and present two lantern lectures, with promises of being able to give others in the near future.

"On Wednesday afternoon we visited a Methodist Ladies' Meeting at ——, where Sister K. Laycock, of Batley, addressed the congregation. Before leaving we were asked if we would speak in the near future.

"Altogether we find that we are able to do much good, especially as President Walker helps to arrange most of the lectures, and this is a great help to us when we do not know the places and people.

"We have given altogether seven lantern lectures.

"Sincerly your Sisters,

Grace E. Gent and Doris Allison."

We commend this letter to all the District and Branch Presidents, and to all our Missionaries, and desire that through united effort lantern lectures be given throughout the Mission.

Reports from the Field:

"Went tracting for the first time. I felt the Spirit of the Lord when speaking. Sold one 'Star,' and the same person invited me to call again and speak on the Gospel."—Elsie V. Pole. Leicester.

"Made my first attempt at tracting—felt very shaky; hope to improve."—Ada A. Lenton, Leicester.

"These investigators are very interested and I hope to see at least one to join the Church soon."—Rhoda S. Tinson, Nottingham.

"Visited member to assist with her Book of Remembrance."—Doris Peacock, South Shields.

"We were very well received at inactive member's home and we helped her fill in pedigree and family group sheet."—Myrtle S. Foster, South Shields.

"Visited inactive member; made very welcome."—Nora C. Gent, Leicester.

"WE WILL BUILD UP THE BRITISH MISSION THROUGH OUR SERVICE, SACRIFICE AND SUPPORT."

—A. K. A.

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Missionary Movements

TRANSFERS.

Elders William Lyons Buchanan and Lawrence T. Moore were transferred to the Bristol and the Scottish Districts, respectively, from the Welsh District, on the 24th October, 1942.

Sister Elsie Mary Linnett was transferred from the Manchester District to the Mission Office on the 1st November, 1942.

AUXILIARY SECTION

PRIESTHOOD

Under the Direction of the Mission Presidency

GENERAL OBLIGATIONS OF THE PRIESTHOOD TO TEACH AND LEARN: The bearers of the Priesthood are under the obligation to deliver the message of the Everlasting Gospel to the world. They must know the content and meaning of that message. Class instruction in the history and doctrines of the Gospel must therefore always form a large part of the Priesthood work.

STUDIOUS ATTITUDE ON THE PART OF PRIESTHOOD MEMBERS: It should be the pride of every man holding the Priesthood to have a good personal collection of books dealing with Church and secular subjects. Class instructors should encourage the formation of such private libraries and also the habit of reading the books that are bought.

An acquaintanceship with the literature of the world may be won by any person who will devote half an hour a day to the careful reading of the best books. The habit of reading good books is one that gives great comfort in all the stages and among all the vicissitudes of life. The man who has learned to love good reading is never alone. His friends are the great ones of human history, and to them he may always go for stimulating and helpful communion.—Priesthood and Church Government.

MELCHIZEDEK PRIESHOOD OUTLINE OF STUDY FOR DECEMBER, 1942.

Text: Priesthood and Church Government.

The following outlines indicate what material should be studied each week during the month of December. Note: Only three lessons are given each month. (On other Sundays in the month, time may be given to dealing with living needs of the Branch and Priesthood.) Class leaders should present the text covered by these lessons at the Monthly Union (or in some cases District Priesthood) meeting on the last Saturday of each month.

Lesson XXXIV. Organisation of the Church. (Chap. 15, pp. 158-188.)
Lesson XXXV. Priesthood Orgranisation described. (Chap. 15, pp. 188-193.)
Lesson XXXVI. Judicial Functions. (Chap. 15, pp. 194-197.)

AARONIC PRIESTHOOD,

FOR MEN AND BOYS OF THE CHURCH.

The secret of abundant life lies in these six questions:

1. **Do you keep the Sabbath day holy?**
2. **Do you pray night and morning?**
3. **Do you attend the Sacrament Services and partake of the Sacred Emblems worthily?**
4. **Do you uphold those in authority?**
5. **Do you keep the Word of Wisdom?**
6. **Do you pay honest Tithing and Fast Offerings?**

"BEHOLD, THIS IS YOUR WORK, TO KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS, YEA, WITH ALL YOUR MIGHT, MIND AND STRENGTH."—Doctrine and Covenants 11: 20.

BRANCH TEACHER'S MESSAGE FOR DECEMBER, 1942.

CHILDREN AND THE SACRAMENT MEETINGS.

In many instances it is felt that the Sacrament meeting is intended for the adult membership of the Church only. In other instances, parents wonder whether it is not best to leave the children at home for fear of disturbances during the Sacrament hour. They wonder how old children should be before they are trained to attend this important meeting of the Church.

Solomon suggested we should "Train up the child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it."—Proverbs 22: 6. To defer this training, as it relates to the Sacrament meeting, until our sons and daughters have become somewhat fixed in their habits and attitudes is much too late for the beginning of the training period.

If, during the most tender and impressionable years of life, they gather the idea they are too young to attend Sacrament meeting, it is most likely this impression will influence their attitude toward this sacred service for the remainder of life.

Would Jesus have suggested that children be left at home during the meeting the Lord has commanded that we attend? Doctrine and Covenants 59: 9.

It is possible that many parents today are indifferent towards the Sacrament meeting because of the impression received and habits formed during childhood regarding this service.

Successful Latter-day Saint families are those were fathers and mothers take their children with them and carefully teach them the true significance of the Sacrament meeting and all other Church responsibilities. We should do more teaching by example.

It is a privilege to attend Sacrament meeting. Our attendance should never be based upon the popularity of the speaker. Our desire to draw near the Lord, renew our covenants with Him, and demonstrate our loyalty and devotion to His commandments, should be our motive in attending this sacred service.

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"As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are the children of the youth. Happy is the man that has his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate."
—Psalms 127: 4, 5.

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RELIEF SOCIETY ANNUAL REPORTS: The British Mission Relief Society Board will be sending to the Relief Society District Supervisors in the course of a few days the necessary forms and desire that every District Supervisor help the Board to obtain all the required information. The Mission Board will appreciate the co-operation of the Supervisors to have **the completed reports returned by the end of November.**

MONTHLY REPORTS: The Board have received a greater number of monthly reports from the Branches and wish to commend the Sisters for their attention and regularity. There are still some Branches, however, which have not been sending their reports regularly. Will each Relief Society Supervisor please ensure that every Relief Society in the Districts does report regularly?

RELIEF SOCIETY DUES: This is the time of the year when the dues should be collected from all the Sisters. New membership cards will bear the name of each contributor.

RELIEF SOCIETY MAGAZINE: Please send your subscriptions to the Relief Society Board at the Mission Office in London.

RELIEF SOCIETY PINS: Owing to shortage of materials, due to war, it has not yet been possible to reproduce the new design of our Relief Society Pin. Efforts, however, are still being made.

The British Mission Relief Society Board wish to express to all the Sisters engaged in this great Women's Organisation of the Church their love, affection and appreciation for faithful services rendered.

In harmony with the Mission wide slogan, announced at the recent Missionary Convention in Birmingham, we wish to add our voice and our slogan in the fulfilment of the great project of building up the British Mission.

"WITH CHARITY AS OUR WATCHWORD, WE PLEDGE OURSELVES IN LOYAL SUPPORT TO BUILD UP THE RELIEF SOCIETIES OF THE BRITISH MISSION."

MARIE W. ANASTASIOU,
President, British Mission Relief Society Board.

GENEALOGY

Chairman - - - - - - Elder James R. Cunningham
Assistants - - - - - - - - Elder Ira Wm. Mount
Sister Catherine L. M. Horner
Sister Hilda M. Woodford

PRELIMINARY SURVEY.

In any engineering work of magnitude the first man on the job is the surveyor. He it is who endeavours to see the task in its completeness, who considers the problems and submits the plan which will be used in the execution of the work.

Our individual task is to obtain sufficient data to identify our ancestors; the most expedient way to begin this task is to take advantage of a Preliminary Survey.

The Mission Genealogical Dept. will undertake this Preliminary Survey for any member at a fee of 5s. Submit your Family Group and Pedigree Charts; the Genealogical Dept. will carefully check over your problems and advise you as to the best way to commence your research.

—JAMES R. CUNNINGHAM,
Mission Genealogical Board.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Superintendent - - - - Elder James R Cunningham.
First Assistant - - - - - - Elder W. O. Chipping

PRELUDE:

First line, Song No. 155, Deseret Sunday School Songs.

SACRAMENT GEM:

I come to Thee all penitent,
I feel Thy love for me.
Dear Saviour in this Sacrament,
I do remember Thee.

POSTLUDE:

Last line, same song.

Sunday Evening Programme, December 6th, 1942:

THEME.

Opening Hymn—No. 53, "Improve the Shining Moments."

Invocation.

Sacrament Hymn—No. 57, "Gently Raise the Sacred Strain."

Sacrament.

(Service now to be under the direction of the Sunday School Officers.)

Scripture Reading.—Proverbs 22: 6.

Address—The Children of Today are the Leaders of Tomorrow.

Address—Children who have become great Leaders. (Samuel, Joseph Smith, Heber J. Grant, etc.)

Intermediate Hymn—No. 159, "I'll Serve the Lord while I am Young."

Address—Leadership Through Sunday School Training. (The following are taught in Sunday School: Gospel Principles, Music, Punctuality, Visual Aids for little ones, Planned Teaching to suit all ages.)

Closing Hymn—No. 164, "Thanks for the Sabbath School."

Benediction.

(Note: All Hymns taken from Deseret Sunday School Songs.)

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HOW TO INTEREST YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE BOOK OF MORMON.

THE Book of Mormon, like the Bible, was not written primarily for the modern youth. It is the record of a people who were precious to the Lord. And so it becomes necessary for us to start our young men and women on the way that leads to a love for this volume. Here is one way that succeeded:

A certain father told a single incident from the Nephite Record to his wife. Itwas done in the presence of their twelve-year-old son. It appears that the incident was picked out because it might prove interesting to the boy; and it was told to the mother, not because she did not know it already, but because the boy was present. He did not know that he was in both parents' minds, but he was.

As it "happened," the father did not finish the story. Something interrupted his telling of it. The boy's curiosity was aroused in how things turned out, and so he asked his father where he might read the story for himself.

This youth, when he became a man, specialized in a study of the Book of Mormon.

A method like this might succeed also in a Sunday School class. Try it. Of course, it should not appear what the teacher is trying to do to the class. This should be kept in the back of his head all the time.

The Book of Mormon abounds in short incidents that will suit this purpose.—Instructor.

M.I.A.

Y.M.M.I.A. Superintendent - - - Elder James P. Hill
Y.W.M.I.A. President - - - Sister Madeline E. Hill
Assistant - - - - - - - Sister Louise Lawman
Executive Secretary - - - - Sister Alice Bickerstaff

We have received a very pertinent question from a District President regarding M.I.A. work, and it is because we feel that the same problem may be in existence in other parts of the Mission that we are answering it on this page.

CAN A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH BE A MEMBER OF TWO M.I.A.'s? IF SO, CAN SHE GAIN POINTS FOR BOTH M.I.A.'s? CAN SHE ACHIEVE IN BOTH M.I.A.'s?

The answer is "NO" three times! If a person is on record in a certain Branch she should attend the M.I.A. of that Branch, if convenient to do so, and her efforts should be exerted for the progress of that particular organisation. She may attend any other M.I.A. that she desires, but it is not proper for her to be a member of that M.I.A. unless the circumstances make it thoroughly impossible for her to attend her own Branch organisation. If such circumstances are existent, then the matter should be referred to the Branch Presidents and given their full consideration. **Without question,** no one can be a member of two organisations, and it follows obviously that she cannot achieve in two organisations at the same time, neither can she gain points for two M.I.A. organisations.

A word about Achievement Cards. We have dispatched these in varying amounts, according to the membership, to some thirty odd Branches. These are Branches that we know have M.I.A.'s organised from reports received. **If there are any Branches who have not received membership Cards and who require them, will they please send the order at once!**

Are you thinking about that Essay? The Competition is open to everyone, and only two conditions apply. One, that it must be limited to a thousand words; and two, that it must be in the hands of the M.I.A. Board by not later than the first post, December the First, 1942. The title is to be, "WHAT M.I.A. HAS TO OFFER TO MODERN YOUTH."

And finally, you don't mind if we have a little grumble about reports, do you We are only a little afraid that our grumble may begin to get a bit too regular, so we will just say, PLEASE HELP US. May we just add that we feel very confident about the season ahead, for it appears that there has been quite a lot of activity thus far and certainly a very fine show of enthusiasm.

SUCCESS TO YOU! LET'S GO TO MUTUAL!

PRIMARY

Acting Supervisor: Edna Gardner

Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colours,
He made their tiny wings.
—Cecil F. Alexander.

Objective: To emphasise the wonders of God's world.

Assignments: Learn Memory Gem.
Clean your teeth every morning.
Clean your shoes before wearing them.

Obtain some illustrations of birds and let the children learn their names. If possible, take them to a museum where they can see birds from all countries. Explain how the birds, obedient to the Law of Nature, migrate in the winter to warmer climates, and how, in the Spring, they will come back again. How do the birds know where to go, and when?

The Articles Of Faith

OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

1. We believe in God, the Eternal Father, and in His Son, Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that men will be punished for their own sins, and not for Adam's trangression.

3. We believe that through the Atonement of Christ, all mankind may be saved, by obedience to the laws and ordinances of the Gospel.

4. We believe that the first principles and ordinances of the Gospel are: first, Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; second, Repentance; third, Baptism by immersion for the remission of sins; fourth. Laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost.

5. We believe that a man must be called of God, by prophecy, and by the laying on of hands, by those who are in authority to preach the Gospel and administer in the ordinances thereof.

6. We believe in the same organization that existed in the Primitive Church, viz., aposties, prophets, pastors, teachers, evangelists, etc.

7. We believe in the gift of tongues, prophecy, revelation, visions, healing, interpretation of tongues, etc.

8. We believe the Bible to be the word of God as far as it is translated correctly; we also believe the Book of Mormon to be the word of God.

9. We believe all that God has revealed, all that He does now reveal, and we believe that He will yet reveal many great and important things pertaining to the Kingdom of God.

10. We believe in the literal gathering of Israel and in the restoration of the Ten Tribes; that Zion will be built upon the American continent; that Christ will reign personally upon the earth; and, that the earth will be renewed and receive its paradisiacal glory.

11. We claim the privilege of worshipping Almighty God according to the dictates of our own conscience, and allow all men the same privilege, let them worship how, where, or what they may.

12. We believe in being subject to kings, presidents, rulers and magistrates, in obeying, honouring, and sustaining the law.

13. We believe in being honest, true, chaste, benevolent, virtuous, and in doing good to all men; indeed, we may say that we follow the admonition of Paul—We believe all things, we hope all things, we have endured many things, and hope to be able to endure all things. If there is anything virtuous, lovely, or of good report or praiseworthy, we seek after these things.

—Joseph Smith.

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